

TO: All Prospective Offerors

FROM: 210.I/Contracting Officer

SUBJECT: Draft Request for Proposal (DRFP NNG09207304J) for Rapid Spacecraft Acquisition III (Rapid III) Request for Proposal

You are invited to review and comment on NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center's (GSFC) Rapid Spacecraft Acquisition (Rapid III) Draft Request For Proposal (DRFP). The principal purpose of this requirement is to provide a rapid and flexible means to procure spacecraft in support of the scientific and technology development goals of GSFC, NASA and other Federal Government agencies.

The NAICS code for this procurement is 336414 and the small business size standard is 1,000 employees. The competitive procurement will result in multiple-award, Firm Fixed Price, Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contracts with a five year ordering period. The anticipated award date for this effort is December 11, 2009. The maximum contract value of \$4B is cumulative and inclusive of all delivery orders issued under these RAPID III contracts.

Please note that award of Rapid III contracts will be based on the offeror's ability to meet specific technical acceptability standards. These include primary responsibility on a minimum of two successful spacecraft developments and spacecraft designs with both a minimum payload mass capability of 50 kg and minimum payload power capability of 50 Watts. Failure to meet these, or any of the technical acceptability standards identified in Section L, will be considered a deficiency and the proposal will be determined technically unacceptable.

The following three requests to deviate from the NASA Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) Supplement (NFS) are pending approval from NASA Headquarters:

1. NFS 1834.2., Earned Value Management System (EVMS) for a Firm-Fixed –Price (FFP) Contract;
2. NFS 1815.300-70, Mission Suitability and Numerically Scoring; and
3. NFS 1816.505-72, Task and Delivery Order (DO) Contract Period of Performance.

Potential offerors are encouraged to comment on all aspects of this draft solicitation, including the core system requirements, Mission Assurance Requirements, proposal instructions and evaluation criteria/approaches. Potential offerors should identify unnecessary or inefficient requirements. Potential offerors are also encouraged to comment on any perceived safety, occupational health, security, environmental, export control, and/or other programmatic risk issues associated with this procurement.

Additional reference material related to this solicitation may be examined at the Rapid Spacecraft Development Office (RSDO) website: <http://rsdo.gsfc.nasa.gov/>. Specifically, there are ten (10) Mission Assurance Requirements reference documents that are not publicly available that have been posted to the above website under the “Rapid III Documents” pull down menu.

The Government will not accept proposals from offerors that are partially or wholly-owned by foreign governments.

Potential offerors are advised that this DRFP is not a solicitation and no contracts will be awarded as a result of this DRFP.

Offerors are encouraged to submit questions or comments on any section of the DRFP to the Contracting Officer within 14 days after release at Janet.M.Osterman@nasa.gov.

If you have any other questions, please contact the under signed at 301-286-7586.

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